LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A cooking device comprising:

an inner casing having a cooking chamber with at least one fluid inlet and at least one fluid outlet;

a ventilation device having at least one fan in the inner casing, at least one drive shaft for the fan, and at least one motor for the drive shaft, the ventilation device for the circulation of at least a part of at least one fluid at least in the inner casing;

a recirculation circuit for the fluid with at least one reservoir for the at least intermittent accommodation of at least the fluid with at least one fluid inlet and at least one fluid outlet;

a filling- and/or charge-amount-monitoring device for the reservoir; and

a control or regulation device cooperating with at least one of the ventilation device and the filling- and/or charge-amount-monitoring device, such that

the state of filling or the amount of filling of the recirculation circuit is determined by the control or regulation device in that the filling- and/or charge-amount-monitoring device cooperates with the ventilation device and determines ~~for the determination of~~ at least one parameter characteristic for the amount of fluid incident on the fan.

9. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 8, wherein the motor cooperates with the control- or regulation device.

10. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 8, further comprising:

at least one pumping device for circulating at least a part of the fluid at least in the inner casing.

11. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 8, wherein the characteristic parameter can be determined by evaluation of at least one of a rotation speed, a rotation speed fluctuation, a power consumption, a power consumption fluctuation, a current consumption and a current consumption fluctuation.

12. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 10, wherein in the determination of the characteristic parameter, a pulsing of the pumping device can be taken into consideration.

13. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 8, wherein the fluid includes at least one of water in the liquid form, water in the vapor form, and a washing liquor.

14. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 8, wherein the reservoir is provided in one of the inner casing, a quenching chamber and a boiler of a steam generator.

15-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 8, wherein the filling- and/or charge-amount-monitoring device includes the ventilation device.

27-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 9, wherein the motor is an electrically commutated motor.

33. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 10, wherein the pumping device cooperates with the control- or regulation device to adjust at least one of a pump output and a pulsing of the pumping device.

34. (Previously Presented) The cooking device according to Claim 12, wherein the pulsing of the pumping device is taken into consideration by evaluating a time span between a first reduction of the rotation speed after turning on the pumping device and a first increase of the rotation speed after turning off the pumping device.

35. (Canceled)

36. (New) A cooking device comprising:

an inner casing having a cooking chamber with at least one fluid inlet and at least one fluid outlet;

a ventilation device having at least one fan in the inner casing, at least one drive shaft for the fan, and at least one motor for the drive shaft, the ventilation device for the circulation of at least a part of at least one fluid in the inner casing;

a recirculation circuit including at least one reservoir for the at least intermittent accommodation of the at least one fluid, the reservoir having at least one fluid inlet and at least one fluid outlet;

a valve and a pump operatively coupled to the at least one reservoir for moving the at least one fluid to the inner casing from the reservoir;

a filling-monitoring means operatively coupled to at least one of the valve and the pump for moving a desired amount of the at least one fluid into the recirculation circuit; and

a charge-amount-monitoring means operatively coupled to the ventilation device for determining at least one parameter characteristic for the amount of fluid incident on the fan.